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HEALTH DRINK AND PILL FROM TEA EXTRACTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tocklai Experimental Station in Jorhat, Assam has developed an exotic health drink and pill from tea extracts;

(b) if so, the way in which Government is promoting it;

(c) whether the Tea Board of India has any plan to promote this new scientific development;

(d) if so, whether the Government has any plan to provide more funds to Tocklai for research in this field in the current financial year; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

a) Tocklai Experimental Station has developed `Tea Tablets` and `Tea Soft Drinks` (which are of high antioxidant value) out of tea extracts.A Research Scheme under 10th Plan on `Product Diversification in Tea` was sponsored by Tea Board to Tea Research Association, covering such areas of research.

b) & c) Tea Board is keen to promote these products after seeing the feasibility for commercialization in future. Experimental samples have been exhibited/presented in several workshops/conferences.

d) & (e) Funds are being provided continually to the Tocklai Experimental Station of Tea Research Association by the Government through the Tea Board for undertaking various Research and Development (R&D) activities in tea.